

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:
Alexandra Brand et al.

Application No.: 10/554,701

Confirmation No.: 9514

Filed: October 27, 2005

Art Unit: 1621

For: CATALYST FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
METHYL MERCAPTAN FROM METHANOL
AND HYDROGEN SULFIDE

Examiner: C. O. Nwaonicha

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

MS AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2008, finally rejecting claims 1-20, reconsideration of the application and prompt allowance of the pending claims is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks:

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

Enclosures include a copy of an Experimental Report that was originally submitted with the September 4, 2008 response to the March 5, 2008 Office Action.